And as the years rolled by, Nature herself lent a hand and developed in the priests a specialised memory that is as remarkable as anything in the history of this remarkable people.

This primitive history seems to be best illustrated for Westerns by the writings of the Old Testament, and if anyone wishes to know what would have been repeated to him solemnly by some ancient *tohunga* in the *whare-kura* he has only to wade through such chapters as Genesis IV and V or the first ten of i Chronicles, with a story like that of Samson or Jehp. occasionally thrown in. Genealogies, with a scrap now and again of story, are not, it must be admitted, light literature, but if accurate, a scholar may draw from them wonderful history. Of both Polynesian history has been made.

The race had a common origin in Indonesia; it had periods of migratory activity, spreading sporadically from island to island ;

while roughly from A.D, 1350 onwards communication over the longer distances ceased. It is thus obvious that, if these oral histories are correct, there should be names common to all in the beginning, there should